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TAGS: PORG, USSC, SF, WA

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MCHENRY: COMMENTS

REF: PRETORIA 4263

1. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY MET WITH REPORTERS FOLLOWING
INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
JULY 24. HE DID NOT DESCRIBE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERN-
MENT ATTITUDE AS "SHADOW-BOXING."

2. SEVERAL REPORTERS PRESSED INSISTENTLY FOR
MCHENRY TO CONFIRM THAT THE SAG REACTION TO THE WALVIS
BAY RESOLUTION HAD CAUSED THE SAG TO WITHDRAW ITS
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ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN FIVE NAMIBIA PROPOSALS. HE
REPEATEDLY TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR
SOUTH AFRICA NOR WOULD HE DESCRIBE THEIR RESPONSE
BECAUSE IT WAS PART OF A PRIVILEGED DIPLOMATIC EXCHANGE.
HE CONFIRMED THAT THE WESTERN PROPOSALS WERE STILL ALIVE,
AND THAT HE BELIEVED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD COOPERATE IN
CARRYING THEM OUT. HE CAUTIONED THE PRESS THAT THE

AGREEMENT ON THE PROPOSALS WAS VERY FRAGILE AND THAT BOTH SIDES --SOUTH AFRICA AND/OR THE NATIONALISTS-- MIGHT RAISE LAST-MINUTE OBJECTIONS.

3. WE ARE UNAWARE OF NEWS REPORT TO WHICH FOURIE REFERRED. ARTICLES PUBLISHED HERE APPEAR TO CONTAIN FAIRLY ACCURATE REPORTS OF WHAT THE AMBASSADOR SAID. YOUNG

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